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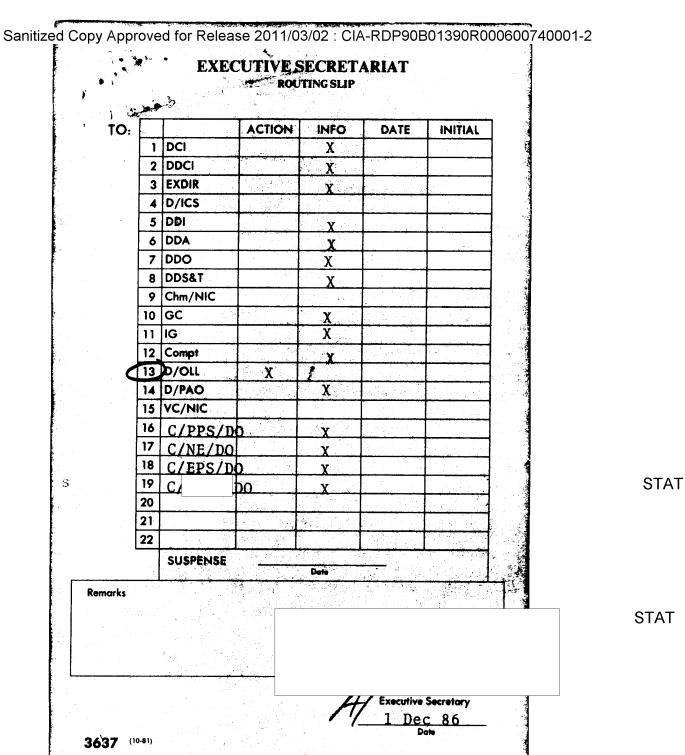
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SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE
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November 28, 1986

The Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

The recent disclosures regarding provision of arms to Iran and funding of support for anti-Sandinista forces in Central America have, as the President stated on November 25th, raised serious questions of propriety. We appreciate the Administration's offer to cooperate with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in looking into this matter.

The Select Committee has formally initiated an investigation to determine the extent of and authorization for U.S. intelligence activities in connection with the sale of arms to Iran and use of the proceeds to support anti-Sandinista forces in Central America. The Committee will consider, if appropriate, changes in laws and regulations or in the organization and mission of components of the U.S. government regarding intelligence activities and notification of the Congress. The investigation encompasses all officials and entities of the U.S. government involved in intelligence activities, including the National Security Council and its staff. Our inquiry will focus on laws and regulations normally enforceable by internal and external oversight.

We look forward to your cooperation to ensure that the CIA and other components of the Intelligence Community make available promptly the necessary witnesses, documents, and other information. In particular, the Committee requests that no documents or other materials that may relate directly or indirectly to this investigation be destroyed or otherwise removed from custody of the U.S. government until the inquiry is completed. The Committee asks that personnel of the CIA and other components of the Intelligence Community be permitted to testify under oath in this investigation. The Committee further requests that the CIA and other elements of the Intelligence Community provide access to their personnel and records for the purpose of this investigations. Certain materials may be subpoenaed.

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We want to assure you that, as provided in Senate Resolution 400, 94th Congress, and Section 501 of the National Security Act of 1947, the Committee will protect from unauthorized disclosure all classified information obtained in this investigation. The Committee recognizes fully the importance of protecting sensitive intelligence sources and methods. We believe an expeditious investigation by this Committee is the best way to protect national security interests while responding to legitimate concerns of the Senate and the American people.

We hope that our investigation will help bring the Executive branch and the Congress closer together in our common efforts to serve the interests of our Nation.

Sincerely,

Dave Durenberger Chairman